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Our USAFE Combat and Special Interest Programs Road Show team recently completed a 2-week trip to visit the command's leadership and base points of contact. The purpose was to introduce your headquarters' team, share program-specific objectives and goals, and to establish our partnership. USAFE is already doing many great things -- we're simply going to add to and enhance existing programs to increase readiness, improve mission effectiveness, and help take better care of our people. We're committed to providing guidance with latitude and resources in support of these programs. Although we may not have all the manpower and financial resources we desire, these programs are important and require our combined commitment for success. Some programs are already in full afterburner and coming on-line by the end of this month. All programs will be fully operational by May 2004. Here's an update on a few:

Organizations across USAFE are already engaged in Combat Proud -- improving the appearance of our bases to foster pride and productivity and strengthen the commitment to our professional military way of life. Pride in appearance spills over into pride in our work, mission accomplishment, esprit-de-corps, and customer satisfaction. We're on the right path to make our installations more functional, safe, and attractive, but we can do more. Combat Proud works in concert with existing guidelines and standards to improve our facilities through focused short, mid, and long-term base appearance initiatives. We also recognize there is a vast array of untapped talent and enthusiasm in almost every unit. The base Self-Help program is a great team builder and force multiplier -- draw from it!

Combat Fitness is also in afterburner. Senior leadership realized we needed a different fitness culture to meet the growing demands of our expeditionary force. We're engaging our base Fitness Center and Health and Wellness Center professionals to expand and enhance fitness and sports opportunities, and improve the physical fitness and readiness of our airmen. Not only will we be ready for January's implementation of the CSAF's new "Fit to Fight" fitness program, we'll also be physically prepared to respond and fight anywhere, anytime.

Unlike the others, one program was designed specifically for this time of year, when family separation, inclement weather, and holiday finances all add up to make life stressful -- especially for our single airmen. Project CHEER (Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm, and Recreation) is designed to create an environment of energy and enthusiasm for our single airmen, both enlisted and officers alike, during the difficult winter months. Spread the word -- non-traditional, high-energy events are coming your way to improve morale, quality of life, and mission readiness.

All of these programs share common threads -- to increase readiness, improve mission effectiveness, and help take care of our people. Embrace them and keep the momentum rolling!

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"Bring Your Courage"